

# Balkan Issue Now Divides Austrians

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an operation as the liquidation of the Turkish Empire in Europe, which has taken a hundred years and is not yet complete.

In fact, the war simply has extended the Eastern question from the shores of the Bosphorus to the frontiers of Germany. In place of the little Balkan states which have kept Europe in an uproar for half a century we have created a dozen larger states, equally certain to threaten the peace of Europe. With these races the league of nations can have no weight, since whatever the situation in the west of Europe, nationalism still remains rampant in the east.

## Fourteen Points No Peace Maintainer Here

The solution of the questions involved on the basis of the fourteen points brings no aid, because in all major conflicts each side can with equal justice invoke at least one of these points to support its contention.

In sum it is essential for Americans to recognize that, so far as the peace of the world is concerned, the Austrian settlement even is more important than the German, and that the possibilities of permanent adjustment are far less numerous. Actually the war, by destroying the central authority of the Hapsburg monarchy, has released races whose rivalries are at least a thousand years old. These races are as unwilling to submit their claims to the final decision of the league of nations as were the Balkan races a subordinate theirs to the will of the concert of Europe.

However boundaries may be drawn, hundreds of thousands of people will, in the nature of things,

be subjected to a rule they will not recognize. The Germans will be placed under Slavs, Slavs under Italians, Hungarians under Rumanians, Poles under Ukrainians, and Ukrainians under Poles, and such a situation can lead only to new crises.

Already the Italians and the Rumanians have threatened to leave the peace conference if their claims are not recognized, while the Poles have defied the Paris conference in eastern Galicia, and the Serbs are preparing to resist the Italians on the Adriatic, where, as always, peace is preserved only by temporary expedients.

## League Without Power To Enforce Its Mandate

Theoretically the intervention of the league of nations would prevent such conflicts. Actually, the league of nations is without power, and all economic weapons will in the briefest time have little weight. Conceivably the great powers will be able to stop outside the area of conflict until the races involved have settled their own disputes, but, on the other hand, in the Balkans this never was possible, and the dispute between Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece over territory hardly as large as Connecticut dragged the world into the most stupendous conflict of human history the end of which sees the Balkan question still unsettled and all middle and eastern Europe Balkanized.

Such, then, are some of the aspects of the problems liquidating the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

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## Three Dead in Fight At Cemetery Over Craps

SOMERSET, Ky., May 31.—White Memorial Day exercises were taking place in the presence of a large crowd at the National Cemetery in this county, eight miles from Somerset, yesterday, Silas Dalton and Claude Eads quarrelled over the results of a crap game and shot and killed each other. Stray bullets killed Willie Cooper and probably fatally wounded Ed Redman, bystanders.

# Terrors Beset White-Bearded Former Kaiser

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the grounds where Wilhelm's refuge may be seen through the trees shows that two drawbridges have been erected over the two moats surrounding the structure.

## The Ex-Kaiser Is Playing Safe

Wilhelm is taking no chances.

I penned a note this morning to the ex-Kaiser, at the request of Count Bentinck, addressing him as "His Majesty the Kaiser," and urging a personal audience or written comment on various subjects, including the Allied decision to bring him to trial and Wilson's fourteen points. The count was informed that the correspondent should remain in Amerongen until Wilhelm personally read the note and decided to speak or remain silent.

The count returned late to-day with the declaration of the All-Highest announcing that Wilhelm had read the message with considerable interest and had then called Court Counsellor General von Gontard and ordered him to inform The Tribune of his imperial decision to remain silent. Von Gontard in turn summoned Bentinck, who brought the imperial decision with the general's regrets that he did not care to talk to an American unless it was necessary, and that, anyway, he could not speak English.

From what I have been able to

learn in Amerongen, the former Kaiser is playing the part of a moral and physical coward, living in mortal terror of bodily harm and using every possible means to escape the gaze of any but trusted persons.

## Most of His Time Spent Behind Doors

For five solid months since the Luke Lea incident he has not stepped from the six-acre lot surrounding Amerongen Castle, and for the most part has spent his time with the empress inside the castle itself or on a part of the grounds surrounded by the double moat.

His only exercise is woodsawing, which he performs each morning, save this morning, when timidity, as the result of yesterday's scare, kept him inside the castle. When outside the castle he wears clothing designed to camouflage himself as an ordinary member of his suite, all of whom have deserted military garb.

Inside, however, he struts in all his imperial pompousness in one of forty uniforms brought along when he fled over the German border twenty-five miles from here.

The Rhine flows a mile from here. The mighty river overflowed its banks recently, surrounding as in wrath three sides of the diked castle grounds. Like a rat under a barn Wilhelm emerges into daylight after mature deliberation when the Dutch guards have scouted the vicinity and have then placed themselves at positions surrounding the grounds where prying eyes may be headed off. Then he comes forth timidly, while the drawbridges over the moats remain lowered to facilitate instant flight back into the castle at the first alarm.

Occasionally Allied detectives an-

## Almost Full Rejection Of Foe's Plea Forecast

PARIS, May 31.—The "Echo de Paris" says the answer of the peace conference to the German counter proposals will be short. It will reject almost entirely all the German suggestions, the "Excelsior" says.

A few points on the detail of territorial clauses, it adds, may receive some retouching.

pear at Amerongen. I met a British Secret Service agent accidentally to-day. He informed me of the report that Wilhelm has had clandestine visits in the night from individuals trusted in high German Royalist circles. His visitors sink back over the border before daylight. However, I am convinced that Wilhelm makes no move in the six-acre lot whereof the Allies are not cognizant. It is also evident that if the Allies finally decide to place Wilhelm on trial for his highly concentrated crime of murder they will have to dig him out of Amerongen Castle by physical force.

Sentiment in court circles in Holland is against extradition because of Wilhelm's German husband, but high Dutch officials who have Holland's interests alone at heart would readily accede to delivering Wilhelm to an Allied military guard by asking them to proceed here to dig him out. Because of the decision in the peace treaty to try him there is a campaign beginning among sympathizers in Germany to create sentiment for a plea of hereditary insanity.

However, everything pertaining to the conduct of the ex-Kaiser for the last five months in the six-acre lot, a

short distance from where this is being written, indicates that he lives in abject terror of the judgment of a world tribunal, and suicide may rid the world of its greatest criminal before the court is assembled.

Young Count Carlos Bentinck and his elderly father, who are among Wilhelm's trusted household, are reported here as pledged by the vows of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of which the Kaiser is the head, and by virtue of which they must protect their unwelcome guest. Their ancestors fought side by side in the Third Crusade, but pro-Ally tendencies have made these Dutch noblemen well known during the war, and they, too, will doubtless be overjoyed when representatives of the world's most modern crusade come to take Wilhelm away.

Colonel Luke Lea, commander of the 114th Artillery of the 38th Division, and other American officers, a party of twelve in two armed motor cars, it was said, stopped at Amerongen Castle at 9:30 o'clock on the evening of January 5 last. Their passports, it was reported, allowed them to cross the frontier into Holland. The party penetrated the castle ground to within hearing of the Kaiser's voice, according to the report, and only the arrival of guards prevented the kidnapping of the Kaiser.

On his return to this country Colonel Lea denied the report of his "accidental visit" to the castle, and he declared there was no truth in the stories that he and other Americans were planning to kidnap the Kaiser. Colonel Lea was formerly a United States Senator from Tennessee.

## Bars Lifted on Jews As Rumanian Citizens

GENEVA, May 31.—The Germania Press Bureau announces that the Jewish question will be settled by a new law, allowing the naturalization

## Throne of Hungary Offered to Serbian

GRAM, Croatia, May 31.—A Hungarian deputation in behalf of the government, of Herr Urmanozy, leader of the Independence Party, and Gabriel Urgan, has offered the Hungarian throne to the Serbian Crown Prince Alexander.

of Jews in Germany. The law will give them absolutely equal rights with other citizens. Eight hundred thousand Jews are eligible.

BUCHAREST, May 31 (By The Associated Press).—A decree has been issued modifying previous laws relating to the naturalization of Jews in Rumania. It was announced by the Rumanian Press Bureau to-day.

Jews desiring to acquire rights as Rumanian citizens will only have to express the wish in proper form. The Jewish question, the bureau says, is thus finally settled.

## British Aachen Bomb Afghanistan's Capital

Kabul and Jelalabad Both Afe Shelled by Fliers, Indian Office Reports

LONDON, May 30.—British airplanes have dropped bombs on Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, and on Jelalabad, the India Office announces. The airplanes also have attacked formations of Afghan troops. The statement says there has been no serious fighting on the Afghan frontier between the British and the Afghans.

A week ago, a dispatch from Simla, India, stated that the Afghan commander in chief had asked for an armistice, a request that later was characterized by the British India Office as a ruse to gain time. There has been considerable fighting along the Afghan-Indian frontier, principally around Khyber Pass, west of Peshawar, where the Afghan tribesmen have been endeavoring to drive through into India.



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